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A BILL FOR

1 An Act establishing a home modification grant program within
2 the department on aging, and providing an appropriation.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 8.57, subsection 1, paragraph b, Code
2 2021, is amended to read as follows:

3 b. The surplus existing in the general fund of the state
4 at the conclusion of the fiscal year is appropriated for
5 distribution in the succeeding fiscal year as provided in
6 subsections 1A, 2, and 3. Moneys credited to the cash reserve
7 fund from the appropriation made in this paragraph shall not
8 exceed the amount necessary for the cash reserve fund to reach
9 the cash reserve goal percentage for the succeeding fiscal
10 year. As used in this paragraph, "*surplus*" means the excess
11 of revenues and other financing sources over expenditures and
12 other financing uses for the general fund of the state in a
13 fiscal year.

14 Sec. 2. Section 8.57, Code 2021, is amended by adding the
15 following new subsection:

16 NEW SUBSECTION. 1A. Notwithstanding any provision of law to
17 the contrary, there is appropriated from the surplus as defined
18 in subsection 1, paragraph "b", at the conclusion of each
19 fiscal year to the department on aging, an amount of up to one
20 million dollars, prior to the crediting or appropriating of the
21 surplus to any other fund or for any other purpose, to provide
22 state matching funds for federal funds received in the prior
23 fiscal year for the home modification grant program created
24 in section 231.67. The department on aging shall report the
25 receipt of any federal funding to the department of management
26 upon receipt of such funds, and the department of management
27 shall determine the amount of funds to be appropriated based on
28 the reported amount of federal funds received.

29 Sec. 3. Section 8.57, subsection 2, Code 2021, is amended
30 to read as follows:

31 2. Moneys appropriated under subsection 1 shall be first
32 credited to the cash reserve fund following the appropriation
33 of any moneys to the home modification grant program created in
34 section 231.67. To the extent that moneys appropriated under
35 subsection 1 would make the moneys in the cash reserve fund

1 exceed the cash reserve goal percentage of the adjusted revenue
2 estimate for the fiscal year, the moneys are appropriated
3 to the department of management to be spent for the purpose
4 of eliminating Iowa's GAAP deficit, including the payment
5 of items budgeted in a subsequent fiscal year which under
6 generally accepted accounting principles should be budgeted
7 in the current fiscal year. These moneys shall be deposited
8 into a GAAP deficit reduction account established within the
9 department of management. The department of management shall
10 annually file with both houses of the general assembly at the
11 time of the submission of the governor's budget, a schedule of
12 the items for which moneys appropriated under [this subsection](#)
13 for the purpose of eliminating Iowa's GAAP deficit, including
14 the payment of items budgeted in a subsequent fiscal year
15 which under generally accepted accounting principles should
16 be budgeted in the current fiscal year, shall be spent. The
17 schedule shall indicate the fiscal year in which the spending
18 for an item is to take place and shall incorporate the items
19 detailed in [1994 Iowa Acts, ch. 1181, §17](#). The schedule
20 shall list each item of expenditure and the estimated dollar
21 amount of moneys to be spent on that item for the fiscal
22 year. The department of management may submit during a
23 regular legislative session an amended schedule for legislative
24 consideration. If moneys appropriated under [this subsection](#)
25 are not enough to pay for all listed expenditures, the
26 department of management shall distribute the payments among
27 the listed expenditure items. Moneys appropriated to the
28 department of management under [this subsection](#) shall not be
29 spent on items other than those included in the filed schedule.
30 On September 1 following the close of a fiscal year, moneys in
31 the GAAP deficit reduction account which remain unexpended for
32 items on the filed schedule for the previous fiscal year shall
33 be credited to the Iowa economic emergency fund.

34 Sec. 4. NEW SECTION. 231.67 Home modification grant program
35 — established — requirements.

1 1. As used in this section, unless the context otherwise
2 requires:

3 a. "*Accommodate*" means to make a residence accessible for
4 a qualified person in a manner that is necessary due to the
5 qualified person's age, disability, or condition.

6 b. "*Medical provider*" means a physician, physician
7 assistant, advanced registered nurse practitioner, physical
8 therapist, or occupational therapist.

9 c. "*Modification or improvement*" means a modification of or
10 improvement to a qualified person's residence that is certified
11 by a medical provider as being necessary to accommodate the
12 qualified person.

13 (1) A "*modification or improvement*" includes one or more of
14 the following:

15 (a) Providing for or installing a nonstep entrance.

16 (b) Providing for or installing exterior or interior ramps.

17 (c) Providing for or installing stairway lifts or
18 elevators.

19 (d) Providing for or installing handrails or grab bars, or
20 the reinforcement of grab bars.

21 (e) Providing for or installing hardware for doors.

22 (f) Widening exterior doors or interior hallways to more
23 than thirty-six inches.

24 (g) Widening interior doors to more than thirty-two inches.

25 (h) Modifying electrical components, including moving
26 electrical outlets and switches.

27 (i) Modifying bathrooms, including but not limited to
28 providing for the modification or installation of accessible
29 toilets, bathtubs, showers, plumbing, or fixtures.

30 (j) Modifying kitchens including but not limited to
31 providing for the modification or installation of accessible
32 countertops, cabinets, appliances, plumbing, or fixtures.

33 (k) Modifying bedrooms including but not limited to
34 the relocation of a bedroom to an accessible space in the
35 residence.

1 (2) A *"modification or improvement"* does not include
2 the construction of a new residence, or an addition to or
3 modification of an existing residence that expands the living
4 area but is not otherwise described in this paragraph *"c"*,
5 subparagraph (1).

6 *d. "Qualified homeowner"* means a person who meets all of the
7 following conditions:

8 (1) Has an income at or below the annual Iowa median
9 household income.

10 (2) Is the owner of residential real property in this state,
11 including a condominium, that is the primary residence of the
12 owner.

13 (3) Is a qualified person or resides with a spouse or
14 dependent who is a qualified person.

15 *e. "Qualified person"* means a person who is at least sixty
16 years of age, or who is living with a disability, as defined in
17 42 U.S.C. §12102, or who has a chronic condition the prognosis
18 for which requires a permanent modification to the qualified
19 person's residence.

20 2. *a.* A home modification grant program is established in
21 the department. The department shall administer the program
22 and provide grants through expenditure of funds appropriated
23 to the department for this purpose. Grants shall be made,
24 in amounts not to exceed five thousand dollars per primary
25 residence, to qualified homeowners for the purposes of
26 modification or improvement to a qualified person's residence
27 to accommodate the qualified person.

28 *b.* The department shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter 17A
29 to administer the program.

30 *c.* Notwithstanding section 8.33, funds appropriated to
31 the department for the purposes of the home modification
32 grant program under this section that remain unencumbered or
33 unobligated at the close of a fiscal year shall not revert
34 but shall remain available for expenditure for the purposes
35 designated.

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EXPLANATION

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The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

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4 This bill establishes a home modification grant program to
5 be administered by the department on aging (IDA). To receive
6 a grant under the program, a qualified homeowner must have an
7 income at or below the annual Iowa median household income, be
8 the owner of a residential real property in the state that is
9 the primary residence of the owner, and be a qualified person
10 or reside with a spouse or dependent who is a qualified person.
11 Under the bill, a "qualified person" means a person who meets
12 one of the following conditions: is at least 60 years of age,
13 is living with a disability as defined under federal law, or
14 has a chronic condition the prognosis for which requires a
15 permanent modification to the qualified person's residence.
16 Grants under the program are limited to not more than \$5,000
17 per primary residence and may only be used for modifications
18 or improvements to a qualified person's residence that are
19 certified by a medical provider as necessary to accommodate
20 the qualified person. Under the bill, a "modification or
21 improvement" does not include the construction of a new
22 residence, or an addition to or modification of an existing
23 residence that expands the living area but is not otherwise
24 described as an allowable modification or improvement under the
25 bill.

26 The bill makes an appropriation from the surplus of the
27 general fund of the state remaining at the conclusion of each
28 fiscal year, prior to the crediting or appropriating of the
29 surplus to any other fund or for any other purpose, to IDA in
30 an amount up to \$1 million to provide state matching funds
31 for federal funds received in the prior fiscal year for the
32 home modification grant program. IDA shall report the receipt
33 of any federal funding to the department of management upon
34 receipt of such funds and the department of management shall
35 determine the amount of funds to be appropriated based on the

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1 reported amount of federal funds received.